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## **RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 4, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 6, 2007 (August 4, 2007 falling on a Sunday), the present Response being submitted within two months of the Final Office Action (i.e., on or by July 5, 2007 (July 4, 2007 falling on a Federal holiday)), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection, in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.